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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS: QADHAFI SPEAKS

1. QADHAFI DEVOTED ALMOST ONE HOUR OF HIS TWO AND HALF HOUR LONG  
REVOLUTION DAY ANNIVERSARY SPEECH TO RELATIONS WITH  
EGYPT. THE FIRST HOUR AND ONE HALF OF TYPICALLY IMPROMPTU  
AND SPIRITED SPEECH DWELT LARGELY WITH DOMESTIC  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVOLUTIONARY REGIME. ASSUME FULL  
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2. ON RELATIONS WITH EGYPT QUADHAFI MADE FOLLOWING

NOTABLE POINTS. FIRST, THERE WOULD BE NO BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH EGYPT. THIS WAS THE CONSENSUS REACHED BY PEOPLES COMMITTEES WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. PERSONALLY QADHAFI WAS IN FAVOR OF SEVERING TIES BECAUSE OF VICIOUS ANTI-LIBYAN CAMPAIGN CARRIED OUT BY EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. NEVERTHELESS HE WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIBYAN DEMOCRACY BOUND BY THE WILL OF PEOPLE. SECOND THE LARGE EGYPTIAN COMMUNITY (SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSANDS) WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO WORK AND LIVE UNMOLESTED IN LIBYA BECAUSE THE INIQUITIES OF THE SADAT REGIME COULD NOT BE BLAMED ON THE BROTHERLY EGYPTIAN WORKERS. THIRDLY, QADHAFI ANNOUNCED THAT "TWO EGYPTIAN SABOTEURS" RECENTLY CAPTURED IN SEBHA FROM EGYPTIAN AIRLINER WOULD BE RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO RETURN TO EGYPT. LIBYA, HE SAID, TOOK PITY ON THEM SINCE THEY WERE ONLY POOR IF MISGUIDED MEN. FINALLY, QADHAFI CALLED FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF ARAB STATES (WHICH INCLUDES EGYPT, SYRIA AND LIBYA) WHERE FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF DIFFERENCES AMONG STATES COULD TAKE PLACE AND HOPEFULLY SOLUTIONS TO THESE DIFFERENCES FOUND.

3. QADHAFI WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SADAT THROUGHOUT. HOWEVER HE DID REFER TO HIM BY TITLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT SADAT WAS PROBABLY CRAZY WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR HIS ACTIONS TOWARD LIBYA. QADHAFI EMPHASIZED THAT PRINCIPLES NOT PERSONALITY WAS BASIS FOR DISPUTE WITH SADAT. HE PARTICULARLY CHIDED SADAT'S SOFTNESS TOWARDS ISRAEL, FEEBLE SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL TO ISRAELI TRAFFIC. AT TIMES MORE IN SADNESS THAN ANGER HE LAMENTED THAT EGYPTIAN LEADER HAD STRAYED FROM THE PATH OF THE GREAT ABDUL NASSER WHOSE PHILOSOPHY REMAINED QADHAFI'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE.

4. QADHAFI ASSERTED THAT LIBYAN SOLDIERS DID NOT WISH TO FIGHT BROTHERLY EGYPTIANS WHOSE ARMY WAS LARGELY EQUIPPED WITH LIBYAN SUPPLIED ARTICLES. ARMY WOULD HOWEVER  
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DEFEND HOMELAND. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS IN WESTERN DESERT WANDERING ABOUT WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER AND CLAIMED THAT LIBYAN GARRISON IN TOBRUK WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER IF NECESSARY. QADHAFI HOPED THAT SADAT WOULD CHANGE HIS WAYS AND SAID THAT IF HE DID SOME SORT OF RAPPORT COULD BE ESTABLISHED. HE THOUGHT IT MORE LIKELY HOWEVER,

THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WOULD RISE IN RIGHTEOUS REVOLT AGAINST  
SADAT'S MISTAKEN LEADERSHIP.

5. QADHAFI'S APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH EGYPT CAN  
ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS MODERATE AND CONCILIATORY AND  
WAS SO REGARDED BY LOCAL EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS WHO HAD  
BEEN PACKED AND WAITING FOR POSSIBLE BREAK. BY  
ABANDONING THREAT TO BREAK WITH EGYPT QADHAFI HAS  
PLACED HIMSELF ON RECORD AS BEING AGGRIEVED PARTY.  
HIS STANCE SUGGEST THAT DESPITE HIS FIERY RHETORIC HE  
IS A MORE PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC POLITICIAN THAN WE  
HAD GIVEN HIM CREDIT FOR. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT  
THE BUILDUP OF EGYPTIAN FORCES AT HIS BORDER  
WAS PERSUASIVE IN LEADING HIM TO A MORE CONCILIATORY  
STANCE. NEXT MOVE THUS APPEARS TO BE UP TO EGYPT.

6. THE U.S. WAS LARGELY IGNORED BY QADHAFI EXCEPT FOR PASS-  
ING REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT LIBYA WITH ITS STRENGTH  
HAD NO FEAR OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET. QADHAFI IN CLOSING  
HIS SPEECH ANNOUNCED THAT IMPRESSIVE MILITARY PARADE  
DISPLAYING ARRAY OF MISSILE  
( SURFACE TO AIR AND SURFACE  
TO SURFACE SCUDS WHICH BROUGHT CHEERS FROM CROWD WHEN  
ANNOUNCER CLAIMED ONLY USSR AND LIBYA POSSESSED AND WHICH  
ENABLED LIBYA TO STRIKE TARGETS ALL OVER NORTH AFRICA)  
REPRESENTED ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE LIBYAN ARMED  
MIGHT.  
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